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C O N F I D E N T I A L BUCHAREST 6260

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PGOV, RO
SUBJECT: MINISTER OF HEALTH REPLACED

1. OFFICIAL RCP DAILY SCINTEIA SEPTEMBER 7 PUBLISHED ONE SENTENCE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT NICOLAE NICOLAESCU HAD BEEN RELEASED FROM HIS DUTIES AS MINISTER OF HEALTH; NO REPLACEMENT WAS NAMED.

2. COMMENT: NICOLAESCU, WHO HAS BEEN HEALTH MINISTER SINCE JUNE 1976, IS WIDELY CONSIDERED A NON-ENTITY BUT WHO HAD A MANDATE TO SUPERVISE THE DRAFTING AND LEGISLATIVE ENACTMENT OF A NEW AND COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL HEALTH LAW. WITH APPROVAL OF THIS LAW JULY 6 BY GRAND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (GNA), CHANGE OF MINISTERS HAS BEEN GENERALLY ANTICIPATED. THE EVENTUAL NEW MINISTER PRESUMABLY WILL BE CHARGED WITH IMPLEMENTING THIS COMPLEX LAW, A TASK WHICH WILL
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REQUIRE CONSIDERABLE ORGANIZATIONAL AND MANAGERIAL SKILLS AS WELL AS WORKING KNOWLEDGE OF THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF HEALTH CARE. ACCORDING TO BUCHAREST RUMOR MILL, LEADING CONTENDER FOR JOB IS IOAN POP D. POPA, A HIGHLY REGARDED PHYSICIAN AND HEART SPECIALIST WHO IS ALSO A PRESIDENTIAL COUNSELLOR, CHAIRMAN OF THE GNA COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND LABOR, AND ONE OF CEAUSESCU'S PERSONAL DOCTORS WHO

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ACCOMPANIED HIM ON STATE VISIT TO UNITED STATES LAST
APRIL.

3. WE SEE NO CONNECTION WHATSOEVER BETWEEN THIS GOVERNMENT CHANGE AND CURRENT TURMOIL IN SECURITY SERVICES, MOST RECENT EVIDENCE OF WHICH WAS REPLACEMENT OF MINISTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS PREVIOUS DAY (BUCHAREST 6123). HOWEVER, MAKING NONSECURITY-RELATED GOVERNMENTAL PERSONNEL SHIFTS AT THIS TIME PROVIDES GOR WITH OPPORTUNITY TO PORTRAY ALL CHANGES AS NOTHING MORE THAN NORMAL "ROTATION OF CADRE," WHICH THEY CLEARLY ARE NOT.
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